

New claims 23 and 24 are a redrafting of original claims 1 and 2 respectively. They are fully supported by the original claims.

Support for new claim 25 may be found on page 17 of the specification, lines 17-20 and on page 18, lines 4-5.

New claims 26-28 are each directed to a process that was originally contained in claim 19. The language used in the new claims has been modified somewhat to comply with that more typically used in process claims in the U.S.

The amendments to the specification and claims do not add new matter to the application and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 861-3020.

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